

**South Carolina Environmental Laboratory Advisory Council Meeting
March 27, 2002**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am at DHEC Quality Training Center, State Park Campus.

Attendance

Cheryl Sommers
Lee Barnard
Sam Avery
Frances Miller
T. John Williams
Charmaine Flemming

October 24, 2001 Minutes Accepted

I. Old Business:

- 1) ***Laboratory Certification Inconsistency Position Letter:*** A response was received from Wayne Davis he will be in attendance at the May 27, 2002 meeting for an informal discussion about the subject. Specific concerns will be discussed. Get questions to Cheryl by May 1, 2002. The subjectivity of PQLs, NELAC, and decertification policies can also be discussed.
- 2) ***Proficiency Testing (PT) Issues:*** Sam Avery will no longer be completing the PT letter.
- 3) ***Microbiological Issues:*** LabCert maintains the policy that requires a weekly coliform positive and a weekly blank for Colilert Presence/Absence analysis. These requirements seem excessive and are not cost effective. Is this an issue with training or the manufacturer? IDEXX can supply required documentation.
- 4) ***New Representatives:*** Discussed filling current vacancies: federal (2), industrial (1), and field/small municipality (1) and status of members who have not attended recent meetings.
-new nominations were discussed and prospects will be contacted before next meeting.
- 5) ***Matrix Interference:*** Cheryl will contact pretreatment officials to obtain guidance about the direction of the program and matrix interference research/training.
- 6) ***Guidance Documents:*** Representatives inquired about the available internet links to the current available guidance documents on the Labcert website.
-When would all documents be available?

II. New Business

Microbiological Verifications: Representative sought to know the purpose of micro verifications for membrane filtration methods and why required monthly.
-discussed that new methods like A-1 fecal coliform, MI agar, and MPN methods eliminate verification requirements.

III. Adjournment